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REMARKS

The present response is to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on March 25, 2005. Claims 20-24, 26-36 and 40 are pending for examination. Claims 20-24, 26-34, 36 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Janky of record in view of Chatani, (U.S. 6567845), hereinafter Chatani. Claims 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Janky and Chatani, and further in view of Juszkievicz. Claims 35 and 40 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated by the Examiner as reciting allowable subject matter.

Applicant has carefully studied the prior art presented by the Examiner, and the Examiner's rejections and statements in the instant Office Action.

In response to the merit rejections applicant amends independent claims 20 and 32 to recite the patentable limitations of claims 35, which recites that the network connection is initiated by the electronic processing device. Claim 35 is accordingly canceled. Applicant further amends claim 20 to remove the language pertaining to the memory dock and memory slot. Depending claims 26-28 and 39 are accordingly cancelled. For convenience applicant reproduces both claims 20 and 32 below.

Claim 20 as amended now recites:

20. (amended) A hardware-software system for requesting and receiving audio-effects software applications sourced on a data-packet-network for use in an electronic processing device for producing digitally processed audio-signal effects comprising:

a data-storage repository connected to the network, the repository for storing the audio-effects software applications;

a data server connected to the network and having access to the data repository, the data server for serving the audio-effects software applications; and

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an Internet-host computer connected to the network and having connection to the electronic processing device, the computer hosting network-connectivity on behalf of the electronic processing device;

wherein a user operating the electronic processing device may connect to the host computer, initiate an Internet connection by the electronic device and download audio-effects software applications to the electronic device.

Claim 32 as amended now recites:

32. (Currently amended) A method for acquiring external audio-effects software applications hosted on a data-packet-network for use in an electronic processing device, the device for producing digitally processed audio-effects signals comprising the steps of:

(a) initiating by the electronic device a network connection to the network hosting the audio-effects software applications;

(b) navigating to the network source responsible for serving the audio-effects software applications;

(c) requesting download of specific ones of the audio-effects software applications available at the network source;

(d) downloading the specified ones of the audio-effects applications to the electronic processing device; and

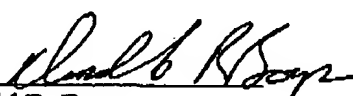
(e) utilizing and executing specified ones of the audio-effects applications on the electronic processing device.

Applicant's independent claims 20 and 32, as amended to include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable, are now patentable over the prior art presented by the Examiner. Depending claims 21-24, 29-32, 33-34, 36 and 40 are now patentable on their own merits, or at least as depended from a patentable claim. It is therefore respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed quickly to

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issue. If there are any time extensions needed beyond any extension specifically requested with this amendment, such extension of time is hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with this amendment, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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